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SUBJECT: ISRAELI PRESS ON RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS

1. ISRAELI PRESS MAR 31- APR 1 REPORTED VARIOUS POSSIBILITIES FOR RESUMING ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN NEGOTIATIONS.

2. HAARETZ (GOLAN) MAR 31 REPORTED THAT KISSINGER TOLD AMB DINITZ AT THEIR MEETING A WEEK AGO THAT HE IS EXAMINING THE POSSIBILITY OF "PROMXIMITY TALKS" IN WASHINGTON UNLESS THE PARTIES PREFER ANOTHER VENUE WHILE PREFERRING PROXIMITY TALKS, THE SECRETARY DID NOT RULE OUT OTHER MODALITIES: ALTERNATING DELEGATIONS TO WASHINGTON OR VISITS TO WASHINGTON BY HIGH-RANKING PERSONALITIES. BOTH THE SECRETARY AND SOME ISRAELIS BELIEVE THAT EGYPT IS IN NO HURRY TO GO TO GENEVA, ACCORDING TO GOLAN.

3. MAARIV (HARIF) MAR 31 REPORTED THAT WASHINGTON EXPECTS PROPOSAL FROM JERUSALEM THAT CAN LEAD TO RESUMPTION OF UNCLASSIFIED

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INTERIM SETTLEMENT TALK BEFORE GENEVA CONF MEETS.

CONSEQUENTLY, JERUSALEM HAS STARTED WORK ON FORMULA THAT WOULD MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO RESUME NEGOTIATIONS WITH EGYPT, WITH U.S. MEDIATING ONE WAY OR ANOTHER. JERUSALEM AND WASHINGTON AGREE EFFORTS BE MADE TO WORK OUT ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN SETTLEMENT BEFORE GENEVA OR AT LEAST GET NEGOTIATIONS UNDERWAY. JERUSALEM ALSO CONSIDERING SENDING FM ALLON OR "THINK-TANK" HEAD MORDECHAI GAZIT TO WASHINGTON TO STUDY " NEW APPROACHES" SECRETARY MENTIONED IN HIS NEWS CONF LAST WEEK. NEW APPROACHES, ACCORDING TO HARIF, ENVISAGED RESUMPTION OF INTERIM SETTLEMENT TALK ON BASIS OF PROPOSAL WHICH HAD TAKEN SHAPE DURING THE RECENT NEGOTIATIONS.

4. HARIF NOTES THAT WASHINGTON IS TRYING TO KEEP ITS CONTACTS WITH ISRAEL "DEMONSTRATIVELY FORMAL", AND POINTS TO "FACT THAT SISCO WAS CALLED IN ON KISSINGER-DINITZ MEETING IS TAKEN TO BE ONE INDICATION OF THIS."

5. HAARETZ (GOLAN) APRIL 1 REPORTED ANOTHER POSSIBILITY UNDER CONSIDERATION IN JERUSALEM FOR RESUMING NEGOTIATIONS WITH EGYPT: A BROADER AGREEMENT, UNDER WHICH ISRAEL WOULD MAKE A MAJOR WITHDRAWAL-- PERHAPS TO MID-SINAI-- IN RETURN FOR MEANINGFUL EGYPTIAN POLITICAL CONCESSIONS. REAIONALE OF THIS APPROACH IS BOTH SIDES ARE TOO DEEPLY ENTRENCHED IN THEIR RESPECTIVE POSITIONS TO MAKE RESUMPTION OF TALKS ON TYPE OF SETTLEMENT ENVISAGED AT RECENT NEGOTIATIONS PROFITABLE: WHILE EGYPT WILL NOT CONSIDER ANY FINAL SETTLEMENT THAT DOES NOT TAKE SYRIA OR THE PALESTINIANS INTO ACCOUNT.

6. MEANWHILE, GOLAN REPORTED, CONTINUOUSLY RECURRING STATEMENTS OF PRIMIN AND OTHER SENIOR OFFICIALS ABOUT ISRAEL'S WILLINGNESS TO RESUME NEGOTIATIONS FOR INTERIM SETTLEMENT ARE MEETING WITH INCREASING CRITICISM, EVEN FROM WITH CABINET. OVERDOING FREQUENCY OF SUCH STATEMENTS,, IT IS ARGUED, MAY LEAD TO STRONGER U.S. PRESSURES FOR MORE MODERATE ISRAELI POSITION.

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